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Dodge Durango SRT - Handsome & Sporty

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When discussing SUVs, the Dodge Durango doesn't come up in conversation much; however, this model has been doing decently well in the market since its launch back in 1997.

It is a very good vehicle, no matter the trim or the engine – I really quite liked every Durango I've tested in recent years. But, to make it more memorable for the masses, what the Durango needed was a personality boost! That is what we got this year, when Dodge introduced the SRT version of the Durango.

This is a vehicle I've been waiting to drive, ever since I heard about its existence, and luckily got to do just that recently. How did it do? Did it live up to the hype I had created for it in my head? Read on!

Styling: The Durango is a



handsome SUV, but not overly done. From the looks perspective, it doesn't shout about its presence, but nor is it boring to look at either. Even in SRT trim, the looks are stealthy, and I like that.

Eagle eye car enthusiasts will notice the larger opening in the front bumper, a sportier grille, a hood scoop, some sporty blacked out wheels, and two fat tailpipes. It looks like a body builder that is

wearing a suit!

Interior: Step inside and you'll find lots of space for up to seven passengers, and the seats are comfortable, too. Cargo room is dependent on if you have the third-

row seats up or folded down, in either case, it'll give most buyers the practicality they're looking for.

Up front, you get an 8.4 inch touchscreen for your infotainment (Uconnect), which has a lot more features than I was expecting – you can individually set up the drivetrain to suit your liking – plus all the usual Bluetooth and navigation functions. Cool note about the navigation screen, it actually shows a little Durango driving around on the screen, rather than some generic arrow or car – I like details like that.

The gauge cluster is a good mix of analog and digital gauges, which are easy to make sense off. The numbers on the analog speedometer are a bit small to read, but then, they had to cram a readout that goes all the way to 300 km/h – that's very cool to see

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Nissan At SEMA With Five One-Of-A-Kind Vehicles

LAS VEGAS – From a do-it-yourself 370Z muscle master to a traveling Nissan Kicks DJ booth, Nissan returned to the recent SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Show in Las Vegas with five diverse offerings.

For the 2018 edition of the world's premier automotive specialty products trade event, Nissan showcased the 370Z, the all-new Kicks subcompact SUV and TITAN full-size pickup – each highly modified for specialty tasks ranging from motorsports to public service.

Celebrating the iconic 370Z, the Nissan Project Clubsport 23 is an ongoing parts development platform built with ultimate goal of creating a vehicle that owners could duplicate themselves using Nissan Motorsports or aftermarket parts. Starting with an older Nissan 370Z NISMO, the



The Kicks Sound Machine

original 350-horsepower 3.7-liter VQ37VHR engine was replaced by a factory fresh 3.0-liter VR30DDTT twin-turbo V6 rated at 400 hp. Extensive enhancements were made to the suspension, steering, braking and cooling system. Exterior and interior

modifications include custom body panels and Gloss Burnt Orange body wrap, along with a full roll cage and diamond-pattern upholstery offering a contemporary throwback to the diamond pattern vinyl used in the original 240Z.

Topping off the project were NISMO-branded RAYS cast aluminum-alloy 18x10.5-inch wheels and Hankook RS4 285/35R18 performance tires.

Three-time Formula DRIFT Champion Chris Forsberg's instantly recognizable Nissan 370Z

took time off the racing circuit to make an appearance at the Nissan SEMA display.

With a twin-turbo VQ engine tucked under the carbon fiber body panels, this car is the essence of "show and go."

A highlight was The Kicks Sound Machine fabricated at Vehicle Effects in Hollywood. It made its debut at the BET Awards in Los Angeles in July.

The project includes the Kicks' class-exclusive Bose® Personal® Plus sound system with eight speakers and proprietary Bose® signal processing and a pair of lightweight 2.5-inch Bose® UltraNearfield™ neodymium speakers located inside the Kicks' driver's seat head rest. Also on show were the Ultimate Service TITAN, with 5.0-L V8 Turbo Diesel engine and PAWS ONE Animal Rescue TITAN.



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